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SUBJECT: REYNOLDS NEGOTIATIONS

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1. FONMIN RAMPHAL TOOK ME ASIDE AS SOON AS I ARRIVED AT BUFFET HE WAS HOSTING LAST NIGHT FOR VISITING UN COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA. HE SAID CABINET SESSION AGAIN DEALT EXTENSIVELY AND INCONCLUSIVELY WITH REYNOLDS,BUT ENDED ON HOPEFUL NOTE.

2. IN ESSENCE, ACCORDING TO RAMPHAL, HE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN BEATING BACK ARGUMENTS BY MINMINES JACK AND SOME RADICALS IN FAVOR OF INTRODUCING TAX BILL IN PARLIAMENT THIS WEEK. RAMPHAL SAID HE FELT HE HAD WON OVER, AT LEAST IN PART AND TEMPORARILY, SOME OF THE ERSTWHILE RADICALS TO HIS VIEWPOINT THAT FURTHER NEGOTIATION NEEDED BEFORE GOVERNMENT TAKES INEVOCABLE STEP OF PASSING TAX BILL.

3. CONSEQUENTLY, JACK IS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO GO BACK TO REYNOLDS FOR ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION FOR EXCLUDING CHEMICAL GRADE FROM PRODUCTION LEVY. RAMPHAL ISTO CARRY ON CONCURRENT DISCUSSIONS WITH ME ON THE BROADER QUESTIONS INVOLVED. OUR FIRST MEET IS AT 1100 TODAY.

4. RAMPHAL ADDED THAT BURNHAM IS ENDEAVORING TO PULL BACK FROM PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN NEGOTIATIONS PER SE, IN ORDER TO PRESERVE HIS INDEPENDENCE IN MAKING FINAL DECISIONS.

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5. COMMENT: INFORMATION IN PARA 4 FURTHER CONFIRMS THE DECISION
NOT TO GO DIRECTLY TO BURNHAM FOR TIME BEING. KREBS

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